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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING--ABDUCTION OF

COLONEL MORGAN

CINCEUR FOR POLAD, SECDEF FOR OSD/PA

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE
EXCERPTS FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S NOON PRESS BRIEFING,
JULY 10, 1975.

Q. WHAT ABOUT COLONEL MORGAN?

A. I HAVE NOTHING NEW ON THAT. WE CONTINUE TO BE IN
CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT AND THE
LEBANESE GOVERNMENT IS CONTINUING ITS EFFORTS TO TRY TO
OBTAIN HIS RELEASE.

Q. HAVE YOU BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ANYBODY ELSE, SUCH AS
THE PLO?

A. OUR CONTACTS HAVE ONLY BEEN WITH THE LEBANESE
GOVERNMENT.

Q. WHAT IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO THE PLO'S
FAILURE TO SUCCESSFULLY INTERVENE WITH THIS OTHER GROUP
OF TERRORISTS WHO KIDNAPPED THIS COLONEL? DOES THIS
INDICATE THAT THE PLO IS REALLY A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP
WITH ANY REAL INFLUENCE, OR JUST ANOTHER COMPETING
TERRORIST GROUP?

A. ON THIS WHOLE QUESTION, WHICH AFFECTS THE LIFE OF AN
AMERICAN OFFICER, WE HAVE DELIBERATELY REFRAINED FROM
COMMENTING ON QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS OTHER THAN TO SAY --

Q. LET ME WITHDRAW THE QUESTION. I THINK THAT'S A GOOD
POINT. INGERSOLL

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